THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTIMEHTA): (a) and (b) No, Sir. However, during the Chief Ministers/Power Ministers Conference held on 3rd March, 2001 it was resolved that the commercial viability has to achieved in the distribution in 2-3 years through any or all of the following:

— Creating Profit centres with full accountability;

— Handing over of local distribution to Panchayats/Local Bodies/ Franchisees/Users Associations, wherever necessary;

— Privatisation of distribution;

— Or any other means.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise in view of (c) above.

(e) and (f) Legislative provisions have been made by the Central and some of the State Governments for establishing Electricity Regulatory Commissions at the Central and State levels which *inter alia* ensure that the consumers interests are protected.

Completion of Universal Metering

849. SHRI C. RAMACHADRAIAH: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the 1KV and above metering in the first phase was to have been completed by the end of 2001;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the universal metering was also lagging behind through out the country;

(c) if so, what is State-wise progress of above programmes; and

(d) by when Government propose to complete universal metering?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) Yes, Sir. Considering the importance of metering and reducing transmission and distribution losses, in the Power Mininsters Conference held on February 26, 2000, it was resolved to have a time bound programme of 100% metering of all consumers by December, 2001. In pursuance of the decision taken in

the Power Minsters Conference, 100% metering programme has been Ja4<en up in two phases:

(i) Phase-I: Metering upto 11 kv feeders and HT consumers upto March, 2001.

(ii) Phase-II: Metering of all consumers by December, 2001.

(b) to (c) Substantial progress has been achieved in metering of industrial, domestic and commercial consumers. However, metering in respect of agricultural and Kutir Jyoti consumers has been rather slow. State-wise details of the progress made in implementation of the above programme are given in the Statement I & II. *(See* below)

(d) The Government is providing funds under APDRP for providing meters right up to consumer level. The utilities are working towards the end to achieve 100% metering at consumer level.

Statement I

Details of progress made in metering of industrial, domestic and commercial consumers

(Based on Information available upto 25/12/2001)

Sl. No.	State-Utility	11 KV Feeders Total	Feeders Meters upto 11 KV Completed	%of Feeder Meters Completed
	Western Region			
1.	Goa	170	170	100%
2.	Madhya Pradesh	5498	2943	54%
3.	Chhattisgarh	767	100	13%
4.	Maharashtra	7558	7558	100%
5.	Gujarat Southern Region	5939	5939	100%
6.	Andhra Pradesh	4907	4907	100%
7.	Karnataka	3518	3518 ,	100%
8.	Tamil Nadu	3684	3684	100%
9.	Kerala	1047	1047	100%

Sl. No.	State-Utility Total	11KV Feeders	Feeders Meters upto 11KV Completed	%of Feeder Meters Completed
10.	Lakshadweep		All completed	100%
	Northern Region			
11.	Himachal Pradesh	375	350	93%
12.	Haryana	2557	2557	100%
13.	Jammu & Kashmir	1214	1214	100%
14.	Punjab	4563	4360	96%
15.	Rajasthan	7321	3321	45%
16.	Delhi	1400	1400	100%
17.	Uttar Pradesh	8124	8124	100%
18.	Uttaranchal Eastern Region	348	330	95%
19.	Bihar	1517	600	40%
20.	Jharkhand			
21.	Orissa	1858	500	27%
22.	West Bengal	2800	615	22%
23.	Andaman & Nicobar North Eastern Region	28		
24.	Assam	777	777	100%
25.	Nagaland	93	32	34%
26.	Meghalaya	314	96	31%
27.	Sikkim	124	124	100%
28.	Mizoram	106	98	92%
29.	Tripura	118	118	100%
30.	Arunachal Pradesh	168	33	20%
31.	Manipur	193	40	21%
	TOTAL	67086	54555	81.32%

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Phase-II 100% metering for consumers; State/Utility-wise status/ Progress achieved in installing consumer meters.

(Based on information available upto 25.12.2001)

S. No.	Utility/State	No. of meters installed/No. of consumers (in lakhs)	Metering completed	No. of meters installed/ No. of consumers (in lakhs) for commercial/ domestic (ex-cluding small consumers and industrial Consumers only)	Metering Completed
1.	Goa	3.80/4.00	95%	3.80/3.80	100%
2.	Madhya Pradesh	35.46/63.29	56%	32.81/32.81	100%
3.	Chhattisgarh	11.2/18.70	62%	10.80/10.80	100%
4.	Maharashtra	109/129	84%	109/109	100%
5.	Gujarat	63.55/6921	92%	63.55/63.55	100%
6.	Andhra Pradesh	90.5/1132	80%	90/92	98%
7.	Karnataka	48.4/85	57%	48.4/48.4	100%
8.	Tamil Nadu	117.42/147.68	80%	113.91/113.91	100%
9.	Kerala	58/62.5	93%	58/58.5	99%
10.	Delhi	26.26/27.10	97%	26.26/26.26	100%
11.	Haryana	32.65/35.11	93%	32.27/32.27	100%
12.	Punjab	44.68/52.71	85%	46.68/46.68	100%
13.	West Bengal	About 32/38	84%	About 31.5/33	95%
14.	Rajasthan	43.25/53.05	82%	43.25/48	92%
15.	Himachal Pradesh	15.1/16.5	92%	15.1/16.5	92%
16.	Uttar Pradesh	46.03/78.10	59%	46.03/78.10	79%
17.	Uttaranchal	7.09/8.54	83%	7.07/8.04	88%
18.	Bihar/Jharkhand	17.16/23.76	72%	16/18	88%
19.	Orissa	About 11.5/14.5	82%	About 10.8/12.0	90%
20.	Jammu & Kashmir	4.00/10.00	40%	4.00/10.00	40%

S. No.	Utility/State	No. of meters installed/No. of consumers (in lakhs)	Metering completed	No. of meters installed/ No. of consumers (in lakhs) for commercial/ domestic (excluding small consumers and industrial Consumers only)	Metering Completed
North Eastern Region					
1.	Assam	6.5/9.5	68%	6.5/9.5	68%
2.	Nagaland	1.1/1.5	73%	1.1/1.5	73%
3.	Meghalaya	0.9/1.4	64%	0.9/1.4	64%
4.	Sikkim	0.30/0.70	43%	0.3/0.70	43%
5.	Mizoram	0.48/1.04	47%	0.48/1.04	47%
6.	Tripura	1.2/1.80	67%	1.2/1.80	67%
7.	Arunachal Pradesh	0.7/1.3	54%	0.7/1.3	54%
8.	Manipur	1.4/1.70	82%	1.4/1.7	82%
	Total metering in North Eastern	12.58/18.94	66.42°/.	12.58/18.94	66.42%
	Total metering in country, except North Eastern	817.5/1049.9	77.86°/.	809.23/841.62	96.2%
	Total metering in country	829.63/1068.89	77.62°/	821.81/860.06	95.6%

Note: The metering status has been compiled on the basis of information received from various Utilities and submitted by State Electricity Boards.

Demand and Supply of Powe in Bihar

†850. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the ratio of demand and supply of power in the country, particularly in the State of Bihar;

(b) the details of the power-projects set up in public and private sectors in the State of Bihar; and

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.